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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

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For: PATTERN SEARCH METHOD, PATTERN SEARCH APPARATUS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM THEREFOR, AND STORAGE MEDIUM THEREOF

Enclosed are:

- [X] 43 pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract.
- [X] \_\_\_\_5 sheets of drawing.
- [X] An Assignment of the invention.
- [X] A certified copy of Japanese Application 2001-004189, filed January 11, 2001.
- [X] Assignment Recordation Form and Fee.
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